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Sir:

Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## In the Drawings

Please amend the drawings as follows:

In Fig. 2B, please remove the word "TIME" for the horizontal axis and insert in its place the phrase -- MASS-TO-CHARGE RATIO --.

## **REMARKS**

Fig. 2B has been amended to correctly name the horizontal axis as "MASS-TO-CHARGE RATIO." Support therefor is in the specification, for example, original Fig. 2B and page 11, lines 11-13. A marked up copy of the figure is enclosed